

CORN CLUB BOYS TO GROW BERRIES

New Work Undertaken by
Some of State's Alert
Young Farmers.

SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

Clemson College Has Sent Boys Directions For Strawberry Culture That Will Be Useful to Adult Farmers and Suburban Dwellers as Well.—Advice on All Steps, From Preparing Soil to Packing Crates.

Eighty South Carolina corn club boys, eighty of the best in the State, are adding strawberry culture to their work. These are the boys who by their corn club work last year, won scholarships to Clemson College for the summer course. During the course they were promised that instructions for growing strawberries would be sent to them in the fall and the boys expressed themselves as eager to try small patches of the luscious fruit as part of their club work.

F. J. Crider, associate professor of horticulture at Clemson College, has prepared and sent the boys a set of instructions for strawberry culture. These instructions are simple and brief, but cover the subject in all important branches. They will be useful to any who desire to grow strawberries and this should include a large number of suburban dwellers as well as farmers. Prof. Crider's directions are as follows:

Soil for Strawberries. Any kind except bottom land and stiff clay.

Preparation of Land. Break deep, smooth the surface well, and lay off rows as for cotton. When ready to plant, knock the bed down to a level.

Fertilizing. Fertilize heavily with stable manure, either broadcast or in the furrow, before planting. Each fall, just before mulching, apply broadcast a mixture of about 250 pounds cottonseed meal, 400 pounds kainit, and 250 pounds acid phosphate, these being the amounts per acre.

Setting Plants. Set plants in straight line, 18 inches apart in row. Place plants in rather large holes with roots spread apart and pack soil firmly about them. Keep roots of plants moist until planting. Place name of variety on a stake at end of row.

Mulching. As soon as plants are set, cover ground all about plants with heavy coating of pine needles or oat straw. This holds moisture and keeps berries clean in spring. Apply this mulch each year thereafter in September.

Cultivating. Begin cultivation just after berries are gathered. Cultivate as for cotton, keeping a loose layer of soil on top and all weeds and grass removed.

Treatment of Runners First Summer. Let runners take root along rows so as to get plants for a new patch.

Setting a New Patch. In September use new plants in setting out a new patch, following same method as before.

Treatment for Second Summer. Give same treatment as first summer, except that all runners must be cut off (unless more new plants are wanted). Repeat this the third summer.

Treatment for Third Fall. Plow up your old strawberry patch. Strawberry plants will not produce desirable berries after the third crop.

Gathering Fruit. Pinch berries from stalks without bruising, leaving stems on. Go over patch every other day, sometimes every day. Pick berries when they are red, while yet firm. Gather in standard quart strawberry baskets. The basket is sold with the berries.

Sorting. While picking, place the larger berries in one basket, the second size in another, and the smallest size (which should not be marketed) in a third. This is very important.

Naming the Grades. Name the first grade "Extra Fancy" and the second grade "Fancy." Write name of grade, variety, and your own name on each basket. Use quart size strawberry baskets, 32 to the crate, and see to it that they are neat and clean. Get prices on crates and baskets from manufacturers and have supplies reach you in ample time.

Arrangement of Berries in Basket. Have every basket well filled and arrange the berries on top in rows. Carry baskets to market in neatly packed crates. They will command attention and bring the highest prices.

DRAGGING WITH AUTO

A Western farm paper suggests that farmers keep up their roads by hitching a drag to their automobiles. The idea is to take the drag along behind the auto for a mile or two when on a trip to town, then to leave the drag by the roadside, to pick it up on the return trip, and to drag the other side of the road. It has been tried with success.

INTO A STRANGE COUNTRY

Traveler in Other Lands Must Be Prepared With Open Mind to Absorb Impressions.

In the Woman's Home Companion Laura Spencer Portor continues her series of interpretations of various countries. Concerning a nation's personality, Miss Portor says in part: "He who would travel in other lands must leave his own behind. He who would judge of a country and a people must leave his own fireside opinions, turn the key on his own prejudices, cross whatever seas of difficulty may lie between his and another's land, and with eager step, whether upon roads good or difficult, whether upon hidden by-paths or highways known to all, he must travel into the very heart of the stranger country. Thus he may come any day upon that country's great cities in the dawn, or chance upon her noble events spread solemn beneath the stars; so shall he come to know and love her simple village life and humble pleasures, her fertile plains or rugged mountains, her attainments and her difficulties. So, living among this people and sharing the intimate life of their homes, they shall come to have for him a particular meaning, shall stand to him for certain things not elsewhere to be found in this exact kind of measure. So shall an entire nation reveal to him a distinct personality, even as an individual with whom we have lived intimately and understandingly becomes to us dear through the unfolding of that individuality and those characteristics so wholly his own, the like of which we shall not look upon elsewhere or again."

IS CREDITED TO CHURCHMAN

Lines That Have Been Highly Praised Declared to Have Been Produced in Time of Peace.

Robert Service, the Canadian writer, who is at present engaged in Red Cross work in France, has sent to the Paris correspondent of an English paper what he describes as "the best war poem I have seen." The verses, which, Mr. Service says, were found by a French priest on the body of an English soldier killed at the Marne, run as follows:

They say that war is hell, the great accursed;

The sin impossible to be forgiven;

Yet I can look upon it at its worst,

And still see blue in heaven.

For when I note how nobly nature's form

Under the war's red rain, I deem it true

That he who made the earthquake

Perchance made battles, too.

As a matter of fact, the lines were written in a time of profound peace, like most good war poems, and by a man who was an ecclesiastic, not a soldier. Their author was Doctor Alexander, the late lord primate of Ireland, and they were first published in the Times some seven or eight years ago.—Manchester Guardian.

LEFT IN THE DARK.

Green—There goes a woman whom I once considered the light of my life.

Brown—Why, didn't you marry her?

Green—A chap with more money than I could show came along, and the light went out.

QUITE SO.

"Did you see how red those four young women got when you detected them trying to get in on a bogus pass?"

"Yes; it was a regular case of four flushing."

THE LIMIT.

"Is that orator speaking for peace at any price?"

"Oh, no; he's fixed substantial minimum rates."

THE UNIVERSAL THEORY.

"Why do you suppose Jinks is so continually looking at his watch?"

"I have a suspicion. There may be a woman in the case."

SOME HOPE LEFT.

"Is your father's illness serious?"

"I think not. He's been in bed for three days now and so far the doctor hasn't suggested an operation."

HUMAN UNANIMITY.

"Men are alike in all times. I dare say when Adam first met Eve he thought she was good enough to eat."

"Well, wasn't she a spare rib?"

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Farmers can get Circular 10, "Home Mixing of Fertilizers", by writing to the Extension Division, Clemson College.

USE WILT RESISTANT SEED.

Somebody estimates that the South loses about ten million dollars annually as the result of the ravages of cotton wilt and root-knot. South Carolina bears a large part of this loss. It is not difficult, however, to protect ones cotton crop from wilt. The use of wilt-resistant varieties of cotton is the course urged by the botany division of Clemson College and this division is co-operating with a number of farmers in the state who are producing carefully grown seed of these wilt-resistant varieties to sell to farmers who need them. The botany division of Clemson College will be glad to answer questions about wilt and root-knot.

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PAW GUESSED IT.

Little Lemuel—Say, paw, what is a meaty discourse?

Paw—It is a sermon, son, that gives us much food for thought.

RESTRICTED PERMISSION.

"Miss Gladys, may I have your hand for this dance?"

"Yes, if you promise to keep off my feet."

PREFERS THE OTHER.

"Can you do your own cooking on an emergency?"

"Well, I could try, but I always do it on a gas stove."

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